
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

18 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write with a bumper fortnight edition of the newsletter today due to our Founders' Day celebrations last week.



It was appropriate that our 184th Founders' Day Service in the awe-inspiring Anglican Cathedral fell in the same week as World Mental Health Day. Founders' Day is always such a positive affirmation of the strong foundations of the College and its founding vision "*to provide for the inhabitants of Liverpool... an education suited to their wants upon the most moderate terms*". This year our speaker, the Very Rev Sean Patrick Riley (Chancellor, Archdiocese of Liverpool), was himself an Old Lerpopolitan and therefore able to give a most heart-warming and personal sermon confirming the values of '*not only the intellect but also the character*'.

As always, the orchestra and choir were particularly impressive, and the chamber choir singing 'Ubi Caritas' from the Scott Memorial were a particular delight. Thanks to Mr Bishop and Ms Clark, as well as all the pupils involved, for their hard work and dedication to these superb musical pieces. Thank you also to Miss Green (Chaplaincy Lead) and all who read at the service; in particular to our Head Boy and Head Girl of the Primary Phase, Max H and Hayatt D (Ch6), and Head Boy and Head Girl George W and Hannah S (Ch13), as well as pupils Maggie M-J (Ch6), Nathaniel M (Ch6),

Anya S (Ch9) and Dottie U (Ch9) who read poems so beautifully, including one written by one of our pupils, Finn S (Ch9). Well done also to our House Captains from Chapter 2, Chapter 6 and Chapter 13 who represented their houses so well during the Procession of the Houses.



Pre Prep, Prep and Secondary house emblems on display in the Cathedral during our Founders' Day Service

The Boarders started their Founders' Day celebrations early last Thursday evening with a formal Boarders Founders' Day evening meal. The very tasty menu of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding was very welcome at the end of a long school day and it was lovely to see the boarders celebrating with their guests at the event.

I also want to take this opportunity to recognise a very important day for our Jewish pupils, staff and their families that occurred last week. Yom Kippur, which began last Friday evening and ended on Saturday evening, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. I hope that everyone who marked this day experienced a meaningful Yom Kippur.

Mrs Scott, our Mental Health Coordinator, teamed up with Miss Green and the Charity Action Group to deliver two successful "Tea and Talk" events for World Mental Health Day last Thursday. These events, held for both pupils and staff, marked the launch of our Upper School Mental Health Mentors, who played a key role in organizing and delivering these activities. Mrs Scott explains further:



Pupils enjoyed a cozy setting with hot chocolate, marshmallows, and biscuits, while participating

in mindful activities such as knitting, adding notes to our Positivity Wall, and engaging in meaningful conversations about wellbeing. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to reflect on their mental health in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Staff also took part in "Fika," the Swedish tradition of enjoying coffee and sweet pastries while taking a deliberate break. This provided a chance for staff to relax, connect with colleagues, and engage in conversations about mental health and wellbeing.

Both events were a great success in promoting the importance of mental health and fostering a supportive community within our school.

Congratulations and well done to the Chapter 10 netball team as Mrs Achilleos reports:

The Chapter 10 Netball Team achieved third place in the Liverpool school's championships. Well done to the team and to the players of the tournament who were Nancy A, Rania W-P, Lexi W and Ava S. Many of the team played out of position due to injuries and a special mention to Scarlett A who demonstrated the great qualities of a Liverpool College pupil by stepping in to support the team and offered to play "any position!" - fantastic!

Chapter 11 made a significant step in their careers education this week with their mock careers interviews. Mrs Drew noted that *'the feedback from our volunteer interviewers was brilliant and they were so impressed with the student's conduct and manners they told me they were a credit to the school.'* Well done to Chapter 11 who all prepared well and engaged maturely in the event, despite the pre-interview nerves! Thank you to Mrs Drew and to Mrs Doran for their meticulous organisation of the event. You can read more about the event on our website [here](#).

Chapter 11 Parents' Evening followed swiftly after their careers' interviews the next day. Attendance was excellent for this evening and thank you to all who came out on such a wet evening. Despite the weather, there was a really positive atmosphere in the Sports Hall as the pupils focused on what they need to do to gain the very best grades that they can next summer.





I have not met many 'rockstars' personally so it was a joy to see so many Rockstar Superstars in Prep assembly this morning as they began their 'Rockstar Times Tables Day' today. Thank you to Mrs Hunter, our Primary Maths lead, for her organisation and thank you to the many households who clearly spent valuable morning time hairstyling, dressing up and blowing up air guitars!

On a similar dressing up theme in the primary phase, we held our annual Hallowe'en disco this week, kindly organised and supported by the PTA. I was most impressed by the dedication to the theme from both staff and children alike! Thank you to all who stayed after hours to help make this such an exciting evening for the children.

We very much appreciate all that the PTA does to support the College and therefore can I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about a PTA event in the first week back after the half term break: the fireworks extravaganza here on campus on Friday 8th November.

Liverpool College PTA
Firework Bonanza!
Friday 8th November 2024
5pm-8.30pm
Sports Hall, Liverpool College, Queens Drive, L18 8BG
~~Early Bird Prices: Adults: £6 Children: £3 Under 3: Free~~
Normal Prices: Adults: £9 Children: £5 Under 3: Free
Tickets available via TicketSource - Scan the QR code!
Any questions, please contact PTA@liverpoolcollege.org.uk



It was with a mixture of joy and sadness that this week saw the opening of the new Pre Prep library called 'Sarah's Library'. This beautiful library is named after Sarah Bowers who was a brilliant Learning Support Assistant and mother to one of our pupils and who sadly passed away earlier this year. Sarah's Library was kindly funded by Liverpool College Foundation and it was fitting that it was opened by a parent published author, Dr Jude Piesse, alongside Sarah's parents and John, Sarah's husband, who kindly was able to say a few words about how much Sarah would have loved the new library. Dr Piesse led the assembly before the formal opening and reminded us of the magic of literature and the joy that can be found within the pages of a book, even during our toughest times.



Chapter 7 have had a busy first half term in the secondary phase. Mr Muscatelli (Ch7 Assistant Dean) explains:

After an excellent first term of hard-fought House competitions on the Rugby Field and Hockey pitch, Chapter 7 sought comfort in the warm, dry Sports Hall for the Just Dance Grand Finale.

With extra points available for props, difficulty level AND staff participation, it was shaping up to be one of the most highly anticipated encounters since Hulk Hogan vs Andre the Giant in 1988! Could Butler's be knocked off the top spot? How many backflips could School House squeeze into a two-minute routine?

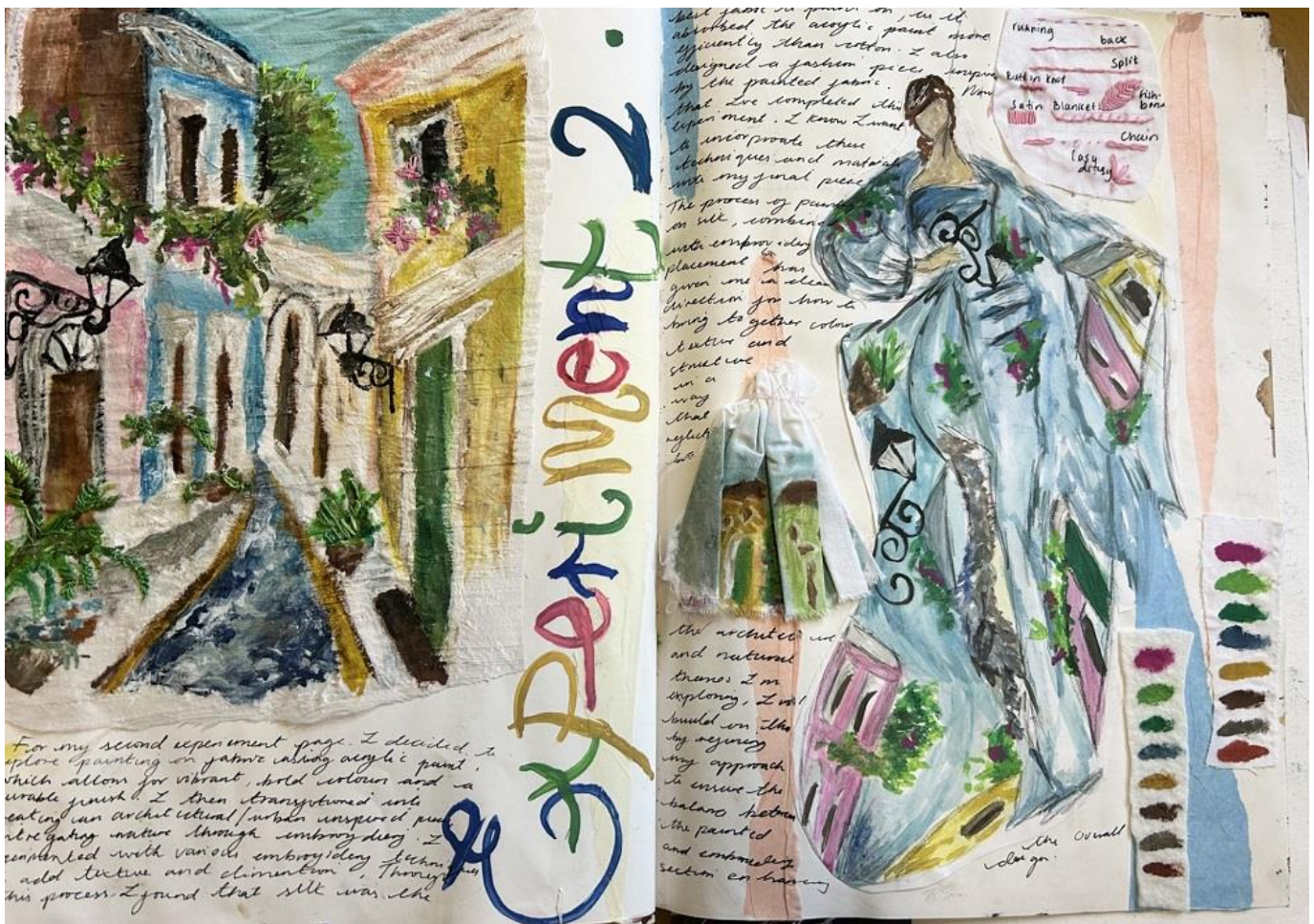
All pupils and House Mentors did themselves proud, and there were even guest appearances for Ch12 pupils. The atmosphere was electric, and the finale was finished off with every pupil from Ch7 performing Waka Waka together.



Congratulations to Butler's who were narrow victors with their rendition of Ghostbusters, completing the crowd-pleasing trifecta of Props/Staff Participation/Throwing sweets into the crowd!

Well done to all involved!

Our **artist of the week** this week is Myar B (Ch13) - Sketchbook work exploring the creative intersection between architecture and fashion.



Our **musician of the week** from Mr Bishop (Director of Music):

Theme & Variations

Theme
Andante

Maria B
Ch 8

Variation 1
Allegro

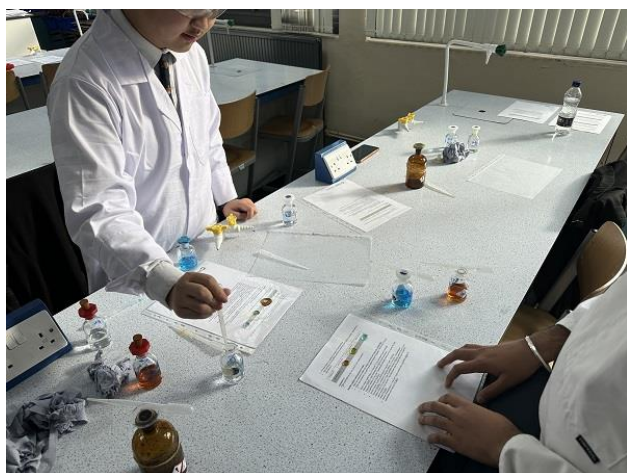
Variation 2
Lento

Variation 3
Presto, rubato accel.

It would be improper to not mention the pupils within our community who performed splendidly at Founders' Day last week. The quality of the music was superb and really added to the occasion. The combined choirs of Voices and Preplings sang the main anthem and the orchestra performed both in its own right and along with the organ in the accompaniment of both the School Song and National Anthem. The Chamber Choir gave a thrilling performance of Ola Gjeilo's Ubi Caritas, singing unaccompanied from the centre of the Cathedral. In the words of a Chapter 8 pupil, 'it gave me proper goose-bumps'!

This term, pupils in Ch 7-9 have been working on musical composition - Ch7 composing graphic scores, Ch8 composing Themes & Variations and Ch9 composing basslines and riffs. This week's musician of the week is Maria B in Ch8 for her superb theme and subsequent variations (pictured). The level of detail Maria has gone into is a real testament to her musicianship. Well done!

Miss Pye has shared some photos of members of our new Chemistry Club looking at the reactions of thiosulfate ions. Chemistry Club is open to pupils and students in Chapters 10-13 and takes place on a Thursday lunchtime. If any pupils are interested in joining the club, they should speak to Miss Pye.



Mrs Crook (SENCO) has received information from the Liverpool ASD Training Team about several upcoming events for parents in November. Please click on the links below to find out more:

- ASD Course (for parents whose child has an ASD diagnosis) - taking place at: [Belle Vale Children's Centre](#), [West Derby Children's Centre](#) and [Hunts Cross Children's Centre](#)

Update from the PTA



Deadline for fireworks event is Friday 1st November - we have under 300 tickets.

A massive thank you to primary school staff for partying with us at the Halloween discos! Ch 5&6 especially enjoyed themselves.

A compliment we received from a parent : -"And also thanks to the adult pumpkin living their best disco life and getting the kids involved - we were admiring from afar!" Thank you Mrs Ridley!

"Thank you to Mr Stamper, Mr Brimage and Mr Harvey for consecutively dancing non-stop with our kids (ch5&6) on 3 songs! The teachers were having a ball themselves!"

You can more details about our disco night, fireworks event and more important notices in our newsletter (circulated via MCAS).

Please be aware that over half term the school campus will be completely closed on Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 November to enable planned connection work to take place for the new build. This work is also likely to cause closure of parts of North Mossley Hill Road during this period.

When we return it will be **Week B** in the secondary phase. Also, advance notice and reminder that the last day of the Michaelmas Term, Friday 20 December, is a 12pm finish in all parts of the school.

May I wish you and your family a pleasant, restful and relaxing half-term and a Happy Diwali to all our families who will be celebrating at the end of the half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haynes." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and a period at the end.

**Mrs A Haynes
Principal**